the Peninsular Component & 14 in the Himalayan Component) for preparation of Feasibility Report with a view to transfer water from water surplus areas to the water deficit regions of optimum utilization of water resources of the country. NWDA has completed Feasibility Report for 14 links under Peninsular Rivers Development Component and 2 links under Himalayan Rivers Development Component. A tripartite agreement was signed among Government of India and concerned States of Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh on 25.08.2005 in respect of one priority link under Peninsular Component *Viz.* Ken-Betwa link for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR).

Proposal for A.P. water sector improvement project

852. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted to the Central Government a project proposal *viz.* AP Water Sector Improvement Project at an estimated cost of about Rs. 3000 crores to be implemented in a period of 5-6 years, with regard to improving irrigation service, delivery and management including modernisation of Nagarjuna Sagar Proejct covering an area of one million hectares of land and pilot projects on new irrigation management etc.;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh has been examined in consultation with all concerned including Planning Commission and the Department of Economic Affairs and the Andhra Pradesh Water Sector Improvement Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 2250 crore has since been posed to the World Bank on 18.04.2006.

(c) does not arise.